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In re Patent Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1635
BECKER *et al.*)
Serial No. 09/523,237) Examiner: Shibuya, M.
Filed: March 10, 2000) Atty. Docket No. GP068-03.CN1
For: KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET)
NUCLEIC ACIDS USING MODIFIED)
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action mailed on January 18, 2001,
kindly enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks in connection with the
above-captioned application.

Amendments

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 14-15, of the specification with --

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Figures 1A-C provide the IUPAC nomenclature for a sampling of acridinium esters that may be used
as detectable chemiluminescent labels in the present disclosure. --

Remarks

Claims 422-441 are presently pending in the subject application.

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendment and the following
remarks are respectfully requested.